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METHOD FOR SCALABLE, FAST NORMALIZATION OF XML DOCUMENTS FOR INSERTION OF DATA INTO A RELATIONAL DATABASE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, setting a threemonth statutory period for response. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 10, 17 and 29, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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